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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Simultaneously with the filing of the above-identified application with which this Preliminary Amendment is being filed, and prior to the calculation of the filing fee, Applicant hereby amends the application as follows, without prejudice:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please amend claims 8, 9, and 13 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims is attached hereto, having the bracketed additions and stricken deletions.

8. A biosensor in accordance with claim 6, wherein width of said space is not less than 100 μ m and smaller than thickness of said filter.

9. A biosensor in accordance with claim 5, wherein said filter is a porous body having spaces connecting with one another in a three-dimensional manner, and said porous body moves blood from said sample supply unit toward said sample solution supply pathway by capillarity and functions to filter hemocytes based on a difference between flow resistances of plasma and the hemocytes.

13. A biosensor in accordance with claim 11, wherein said reaction reagent